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47 Male  
53 Female  
[109]

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1. All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>High</u> <u>2/91+</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>7/92+</u>	
Right direction.....	45	45	50	53	47	48	65	14	[139]
Wrong track.....	39	39	35	32	34	35	22	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	13	13	12	12	16	13	9	9	
Not sure.....	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	6	

+ Asked only of registered voters

- 2a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing as president?

	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>High</u> <u>2/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>6/93</u>	
Approve.....	64	63	66	66	62	59	66	41	[140]
Disapprove.....	30	30	29	28	30	33	28	50	
Not sure.....	6	7	5	6	8	8	6	9	

- 2b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>7/98*</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>High</u> <u>4/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>7/93</u> <u>9/94</u>	
Approve.....	69	70	76	76	65	64	76	40 40	[141]
Disapprove.....	23	22	16	17	25	27	16	51 51	
Not sure.....	8	8	8	7	10	9	8	9 9	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 2c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	<u>7/98**</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>High</u> <u>2/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>9/94</u>	
Approve.....	58	53	63	61	54	52	61	32	[142]
Disapprove.....	31	36	27	31	34	38	31	60	
Not sure.....	11	11	10	8	12	10	8	8	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).



3. I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and organizations and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
<b>Bill Clinton</b>							<b>[143-148]</b>
July 1998.....	24	26	17	15	18	-	
June 1998.....	24	30	14	12	20	-	
April 1998.....	27	29	13	11	19	1	
April 2, 1998.....	23	21	20	13	22	1	
February 1998.....	29	28	14	12	17	-	
January 17-19, 1998.....	21	36	15	13	15	-	
December 1997.....	21	34	16	13	15	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	33	31	15	9	7	5	
<i>Low</i>							
September 1994.....	13	28	18	18	23	-	
<b>Al Gore</b>							<b>[144]</b>
July 1998 *.....	16	26	31	12	13	2	
June 1998.....	18	26	31	10	13	2	
April 1998.....	16	29	29	12	11	3	
February 1998.....	18	29	27	12	11	3	
January 1998.....	13	26	29	16	12	4	
December 1997.....	13	23	28	14	18	4	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	23	32	22	9	6	8	
<i>Low</i>							
December 1997.....	13	23	28	14	18	4	
<b>Tobacco companies</b>							<b>[145]</b>
July 1998 *.....	7	7	21	21	41	3	
October 1997.....	4	9	21	18	46	2	
<b>Kenneth Starr</b>							<b>[146]</b>
July 1998 *.....	10	13	18	14	36	9	
June 1998.....	9	11	21	16	33	10	
April 1998.....	7	11	20	15	33	14	
February 1998.....	7	13	20	15	26	19	
February 7, 1998*.....	7	12	21	15	24	21	
January 31, 1998*.....	8	10	25	11	22	24	
January 24, 1998*.....	8	12	22	11	14	33	
June 1997.....	4	10	19	8	6	53	
March 1997.....	2	8	18	6	6	60	

\* Results shown reflect responses among a sample of approximately 400 adults.

\* Results shown reflect responses among a sample of 806 adults.

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Q.3 (cont'd)

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
<b>Linda Tripp</b>							[147]
July 1998 *	3	9	23	13	37	15	
January 24, 1998 **	4	7	20	14	20	35	
<b>Newt Gingrich</b>							[149]
July 1998 **	7	18	28	18	23	6	
June 1998	7	18	27	21	23	4	
April 1998	5	18	28	20	23	6	
February 1998	6	20	31	18	19	6	
January 1998	6	17	26	21	25	5	
December 1997	7	17	24	18	29	5	
<i>High</i>							
April 21-25, 1995	11	20	18	13	23	15	
<i>Low</i>							
June 1997	6	15	18	25	30	6	
<b>Monica Lewinsky</b>							[150]
July 1998 **	2	3	31	22	35	7	
February 7, 1998*	3	6	28	24	31	8	
January 31, 1998 *	2	8	26	21	34	9	
January 24, 1998 **	3	6	33	16	19	23	
<b>HMOs--Health Maintenance Organizations</b>							[151]
July 1998 **	6	13	23	25	25	8	
<b>Hillary Rodham Clinton</b>							[152]
July 1998 **	22	24	25	13	14	2	
June 1998	26	22	21	11	19	1	
April 1998	26	25	19	13	16	1	
February 1998	27	25	19	11	17	1	
January 17-19, 1998	20	25	21	16	16	2	
December 1997	18	26	23	14	17	2	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993	27	30	21	8	8	6	
<i>Low</i>							
May 1996+	14	20	19	17	27	3	

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\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Asked only of registered voters

4a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>10/97</u>	<u>High</u> <u>2/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>10/90+</u>	
Approve.....	53	48	51	57	47	46	46	57	22	[153]
Disapprove.....	31	37	34	29	32	40	41	29	69	
Not sure.....	16	15	15	14	21	14	13	14	9	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

4b. How would you rate the overall performance and accomplishments of this year's Congress--one of the best, above average, average, below average, or one of the worst?

	<u>7/98*</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>10/91</u>	<u>10/90</u>	
	*				+	+	
One of the best.....	2	2	7	1	1	1	[154]
Above average.....	13	11	18	6	5	7	
Average.....	57	56	33	46	45	39	
Below average.....	20	22	24	28	32	32	
One of the worst.....	6	6	16	16	14	19	
Not sure.....	2	3	2	3	3	2	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

4c. And how would you rate the member of Congress from your district--do you approve or disapprove of the job your representative is doing?

	<u>7/98</u>	<u>10/94</u>		<u>10/90+</u>	<u>11/89+</u>	
		All	Registered			
		Adults	Voters			
Approve.....	67	55	56	57	68	[155]
Disapprove.....	15	27	28	30	16	
Not sure.....	18	18	16	13	16	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

4d. Using a ten-point scale, please tell me how likely you are to vote in this year's elections for Congress and state offices. If you are certain that you will vote in November, pick a number closer to "10." If it is less likely that you will vote, use a number closer to "1." You may choose any number from one to ten.

	<u>7/98</u>	<u>10/94</u>	
10, certain to vote.....	56	54	[156-157]
9.....	9	10	
8.....	11	8	
7.....	5	4	
6.....	2	3	
5.....	6	6	
4.....	1	1	
3.....	2	3	
2.....	1	2	
1, less likely to vote.....	6	7	
Not sure.....	1	2	

- 4e. Compared to congressional elections in other years, how important is the upcoming November election for U.S. Congress--the most important election in the past ten years, an election that is more important than most in recent years, an election of average importance, or an election that is less important than most.

Most important in past ten years.....	20	<b>[158]</b>
More important than most in recent years...	30	
Of average importance.....	43	
Less important than most.....	4	
Not at all important (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	2	

- 5a. What is your preference for the outcome of the November 1998 congressional elections--a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	<u>7/98*</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>11/96+</u>	
Republican-controlled Congress....	41	39	37	41	40	41	41	45	44	44	<b>[159]</b>
Democrat-controlled Congress.....	40	40	41	37	42	37	39	39	38	40	
Not sure <sup>2</sup> .....	19	21	22	22	18	22	20	16	18	16	
					<u>10/96+</u>	<u>9/96+</u>	<u>6/96+</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/94<sup>1</sup></u>	
					42	42	40	41	42	44	
					40	41	40	38	41	38	
					18	17	20	21	17	18	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

<sup>1</sup> In October 1994, the question referred to the 1994 congressional elections; the 1995 and 1996 survey dates referred to the 1996 congressional elections; the 1997 dates refer to the 1998 congressional elections.

<sup>2</sup> The volunteered responses "both equal," "neither in control," or "doesn't matter," were reported separately; for purposes of comparative they are combined with "not sure."

- 5b. In this year's election for U.S. House of Representatives, do you plan to vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate in your district? (IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean at this time?

	<u>7/98**</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>10/96</u>	<u>9/96+</u>	<u>8/20- 21/96+</u>	<u>8/2- 6/96+</u>	<u>7/96+</u>	<u>6/96+</u>	
Vote for the Republican candidate....	32	32	30	30	29	38	36	37	38	37	35	[160]
Vote for the Democratic candidate....	34	36	36	36	36	39	42	38	38	40	40	
Depends (VOL).....	15	16	18	22	18	8	7	11	10	10	10	
Other/neither/won't vote (VOL).....	5	6	4	3	4	1	2	2	2	1	1	
Not sure.....	14	10	12	9	13	14	13	12	12	12	14	
		<u>5/96+</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>12/95<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>11/4- 5/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>7/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>10/93</u>	
		36	36	34	40	39	33	31	30	29	34	
		39	38	36	37	36	39	35	35	34	32	
		9	12	17	6	6	9	14	14	21	21	
		2	3	3	3	5	5	5	5	2	2	
		14	11	10	14	14	14	15	16	14	11	
		<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>11/92+</u>	<u>10/27- 28/92+</u>	<u>10/20- 21/92+</u>	<u>9/92+</u>	<u>8/92+</u>	<u>7/92+</u>	<u>10/90+</u>		
		29	31	35	34	29	32	29	31	33		
		32	32	45	45	46	43	43	35	35		
		24	25	4	3	6	7	7	11	14		
		2	3	1	1	2	1	2	3	2		
		13	9	15	17	17	17	19	20	16		

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

<sup>1</sup> Prior to March 1996, the question read "election for U.S. Congress. ..."

+ Asked only of registered voters.

- 6a. As you may know, some experts think that the federal government will have a surplus of funds in the next few years. If the choice were between returning the surplus to the taxpayers in the form of tax cuts or using the surplus to make the Social Security system more financially secure, which one would you choose? \*

Return to the taxpayers in form of tax cuts.....	24	[161]
Use to make Social Security more financially secure.....	69	
Both (VOL).....	4	
Neither (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	1	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 6b. From what you know, do you think that the budget surplus will or will not be large enough to provide tax cuts and make the Social Security system more financially secure? \*

Yes, will be large enough.....	20	[162]
No, will not be large enough.....	63	
Not sure.....	17	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 6c. If the government runs a budget surplus in coming years, what should it do with the surplus funds: use the money to pay down the federal debt, spend it on high-priority domestic programs, or give individuals tax cuts? \*\*

Save the money/use to pay down federal debt.....	38	<b>[163]</b>
Spend it on high-priority domestic programs.....	25	
Give individuals tax cuts.....	31	
None of these (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	2	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 6d. If there is going to be a tax cut in the next year, which of the following would be your priority for a tax cut--a capital gains tax cut, an estate tax cut, a payroll tax cut, a corporate tax cut, or a tax cut for some married couples? \*\*

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY  
THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Payroll tax cut.....	43	<b>[164]</b>
Tax cut for some married couples.....	24	
Capital gains tax cut.....	13	
Estate tax cut.....	8	
Corporate tax cut.....	3	
Combination (VOL).....	4	
None of these (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	3	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 7a. When it comes to dealing with Social Security, which party do you think would do a better job--the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, both about the same, or neither?

	<u>7/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>10/96</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>6/95</u>	<u>11/94</u>	
Democratic Party.....	28	26	33	36	44	35	32	<b>[165]</b>
Republican Party.....	19	15	19	24	22	26	27	
Both the same.....	34	34	18	17	14	16	15	
Neither.....	14	18	22	15	14	15	16	
Not sure.....	5	7	8	8	6	8	10	
PARTY ADVANTAGE.....	D-9	D-11	D-14	D-12	D-22	D-9	D-5	



- 7b. Let me read you some things people might say about the Social Security system, and for each one please tell me whether you think it is true or false.

	<u>True</u>	<u>False</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
The Social Security system is projected to be financially sound until the year 2032.....	31	60	9	<b>[166]</b>
The federal government has used the Social Security trust fund for other purposes.....	79	13	8	<b>[167]</b>
Social Security benefits provide the majority of retirement income for most retirees.....	58	37	5	<b>[168]</b>

- 7c. The Social Security system may run short of funds in the first decades of the next century. To solve these problems, which one of the following would you prefer?

Higher payroll taxes for Social Security.....	31	<b>[169]</b>
Lower benefits for Social Security recipients..	12	
Raising the retirement age.....	29	
None of these (VOL).....	22	
Not sure.....	6	

- 8a. As you may know, Congress did not pass comprehensive tobacco legislation this year. What is your reaction to this decision? Would you say--I am glad that they did not pass tobacco legislation, I am mad that they did not pass tobacco legislation, or I don't care either way? \*

I am glad.....	27	<b>[170]</b>
I am mad.....	33	
I don't care either way.....	31	
Not sure.....	9	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 8b. As you may know, Congress did not pass campaign finance reform legislation this year. What is your reaction to this decision? Would you say--I am glad that they did not pass campaign finance reform legislation, I am mad that they did not pass campaign finance reform legislation, or I don't care either way? \*\*

I am glad.....	10	<b>[171]</b>
I am mad.....	41	
I don't care either way.....	42	
Not sure.....	7	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 8c. As you may know, recently the Senate did not pass legislation that would hold adults criminally responsible for allowing young children to have access to firearms that are used to injure or kill another person. What is your reaction to this decision? Would you say--I am glad that they did not pass this legislation, I am mad that they did not pass this legislation, or I don't care either way? \*

I am glad.....	20	<b>[172]</b>
I am mad.....	67	
I don't care either way.....	8	
Not sure.....	5	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 8d. As you may know, this past Friday a gunman shot and killed two United States Capitol guards, and wounded a tourist inside the Capitol building. Do you think these shootings will lead Congress to pass more restrictive gun control legislation, or not? \*

Yes, will lead Congress to pass more restrictive gun control legislation.....	52	[173]
No, will not lead Congress to pass more restrictive gun control legislation.....	43	
Not sure.....	5	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 8e. While the United States Capitol has security measures such as metal detectors and barricades, it is open to the general public. As a result of the recent shootings, do you think that public access to the Capitol should be further restricted, or not? \*

Yes, public access should be further restricted.....	23	[174]
No, public access should not be further restricted.....	75	
Not sure.....	2	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 9a. Thinking ahead to a year from now, do you think that the value of the stock market will be much higher, somewhat higher, about the same, somewhat lower, or much lower than it is today?

	<u>7/98**</u>	<u>12/97</u>	
Much higher.....	6	7	[175]
Somewhat higher.....	30	31	
About the same.....	32	35	
Somewhat lower.....	19	15	
Much lower.....	7	4	
Not sure.....	6	8	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 9b. Which one of the following do you think poses the greatest threat to the health of the U.S. economy?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

The federal government's handling of the budget deficit...	23	[176-177]
The financial crisis in Asia.....	17	
Recent mergers of large corporations.....	13	
Unexpected inflation.....	11	
The year two thousand computer problem.....	10	
A decline in the stock market.....	8	
The United Auto Workers strike at General Motors.....	4	
All of these (VOL).....	7	
None of these (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	5	

- 10a. Since early June, about nine thousand United Auto Workers have been striking against General Motors. The strike has put more than one hundred and sixty thousand people out of work and is costing General Motors seventy-five million dollars per day. Do you think that the strike will have a major impact on the U.S. economy, a minor impact, or not much of an impact at all? \*

Major impact.....	39	<b>[178]</b>
Minor impact.....	45	
Not much of an impact at all.....	14	
Not sure.....	2	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 10b. Since early June, United Auto Workers have been striking against General Motors. Do you think that the strike will have a major impact on the U.S. economy, a minor impact, or not much of an impact at all? \*\*

Major impact.....	30	<b>[179]</b>
Minor impact.....	52	
Not much of an impact at all.....	17	
Not sure.....	1	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 11a. Do you think that new laws are needed to regulate HMOs?

Yes, new laws needed.....	79	<b>[180]</b>
No, new laws not needed.....	12	
Depends (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	7	

- 11b. Which of the following statements comes closer to your view about regulating HMOs and other managed care plans?

Statement A: Congress should pass a patients' bill of rights, because it is necessary to guarantee consumers more rights in dealing with their insurance plans, including the rights to appeal HMO decisions and to have access to emergency rooms without advance permission.

Statement B: Congress should not pass a patients' bill of rights, because it would increase the size of the federal bureaucracy and raise the cost of health insurance, which would result in some people being unable to afford coverage.

A/Congress should pass patients' bill of rights.....	69	<b>[208]</b>
B/Congress should not pass patients' bill of rights.....	21	
Some of both (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	6	

12. When it comes to dealing with the issue of reforming HMOs and other managed care plans, which party do you think would do a better job--the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, both about the same, or neither?

The Democrats.....	28	<b>[209]</b>
The Republicans.....	16	
Both about the same.....	37	
Neither.....	14	
Not sure.....	5	

13. I'm going to read you two proposals to reform HMOs, and then get your reaction.

Proposal A would guarantee consumers access to emergency care and various specialists without prior approval, allow them to appeal decisions that an HMO makes on medical care, and allow consumers to

sue their HMOs for improper care. These regulations would apply to patients covered by private health plans as well as those plans regulated by the federal government.

Proposal B also would guarantee consumers access to emergency care and various specialists without prior approval, and allow them to appeal decisions that an HMO makes on medical care. However, to prevent insurance costs from rising too high, this proposal wouldn't allow consumers to sue their HMOs, and it would apply ONLY to federally regulated health plans.

Having heard this information, which proposal do you prefer--Proposal A or Proposal B?

Proposal A.....	55	<b>[210]</b>
Proposal B.....	36	
Not sure.....	9	

14. Some people think that patients should have the right to sue their HMOs for improper care, to prevent HMOs from only looking at costs when making medical care decisions. Others think that giving patients the right to sue their HMOs for improper care would just raise the cost of health insurance, which would result in some people no longer being able to afford coverage. With whom do you agree more--those who think that there should be a right to sue HMOs or those who think that there should not be a right to sue HMOs?

Those who think should have the right to sue HMOs.....	61	<b>[211]</b>
Those who think should not have the right to sue HMOs.....	29	
Both (VOL).....	6	
Not sure.....	4	

15. If a patients' bill of rights were passed, how much do you think it would improve the medical care of people who are covered by HMOs--a great deal, quite a bit, just some, or very little? \*\*

A great deal.....	24	<b>[212]</b>
Quite a bit.....	24	
Just some.....	33	
Very little.....	13	
Not sure.....	6	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

16. As you may know, some states have laws requiring someone under eighteen to get parental consent or to notify her parents before legally obtaining an abortion. There is now a proposal in Congress that would make it a federal crime for any person to help someone under eighteen cross state lines to get an abortion if she had not complied with her home state's laws. Do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this proposal?

Strongly favor.....	40	<b>[213]</b>
Somewhat favor.....	15	
Somewhat oppose.....	13	
Strongly oppose.....	27	
Not sure.....	5	

**Changing subjects now...**

- 17a. Should Bill Clinton testify in Special Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's investigation of Clinton's alleged relationship with Monica Lewinsky, or not?

Should testify.....	54	<b>[214]</b>
Should not testify.....	41	
Not sure.....	5	

- 17b. Because he is president, do you think it is acceptable or not acceptable for Bill Clinton to testify in a way other than appearing personally before a grand jury?

Acceptable.....	50	<b>[215]</b>
Not acceptable.....	44	
Not sure.....	6	

- 17c. If Bill Clinton still declines to testify in the investigation of his alleged relationship with Monica Lewinsky, do you think that this should or should not be serious enough for Congress to begin impeachment hearings?

Should be serious enough.....	32	<b>[216]</b>
Should not be serious enough.....	63	
Not sure.....	5	

- 17d. Do you think that the investigations President Clinton has faced during his presidency have or have not affected his ability to lead the country? \*

Have affected ability to lead.....	37	<b>[217]</b>
Have not affected ability to lead.....	60	
Not sure.....	3	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 17e. Suppose that Special Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr concluded that President Clinton committed perjury by denying that he had sex with Monica Lewinsky, and Starr reported this to Congress. Do you think that these charges against President Clinton should or should not be serious enough for Congress to begin impeachment hearings?

	<u>7/98**</u>	<u>6/98</u>	
Yes, should be serious enough.....	45	39	<b>[218]</b>
No, should not be serious enough.....	51	57	
Not sure.....	4	4	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 17f. Suppose that Special Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr concluded that President Clinton committed perjury by denying that he had sex with Monica Lewinsky and obstructed justice, and Starr reported this to Congress. Do you think that these charges against President Clinton should or should not be serious enough for Congress to begin impeachment hearings?

	<u>7/98*</u>	<u>6/98</u>	
Yes, should be serious enough.....	45	37	<b>[219]</b>
No, should not be serious enough.....	51	58	
Not sure.....	4	5	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 18a. Monica Lewinsky's former co-worker, Linda Tripp, taped their private phone conversations which have been used as evidence in the investigation of President Clinton. Which of the following best describes why Linda Tripp taped her conversations with Monica Lewinsky--to clear her own name and protect herself legally, to get publicity and profit from a book or movie deal, or as a politically motivated attack on Bill Clinton? \*

To clear her own name.....	19	[220]
To get publicity and profit from a book or movie deal.....	39	
Politically motivated attack.....	31	
None of these (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	8	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

18b. Was it acceptable for Linda Tripp to secretly tape her conversations with Monica Lewinsky? \*

Yes, it was acceptable to secretly tape the conversations.....	19	[221]
No, it was not acceptable to secretly tape the conversations.....	75	
Not sure.....	6	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

19a. How much confidence do you have that Kenneth Starr's report on President Clinton will be fair and impartial--a great deal of confidence, quite a bit, just some, or very little?

	<u>7/98**</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98<sup>1</sup></u>	
A great deal of confidence.....	15	11	13	[222]
Quite a bit of confidence.....	12	11	14	
Just some confidence.....	25	24	25	
Very little confidence.....	45	50	43	
Not sure.....	3	4	5	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

<sup>1</sup> Previously, this question was phrased, "As you may know, Special Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr will submit a report to Congress on his investigation of allegations involving President Clinton. How much confidence do you have that Starr's report will be fair - a great deal, quite a bit, just some, or very little?"

19b. From what you know, do you think that Special Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr should try to submit his report to Congress on the investigation of President Clinton before the November elections, or should he wait until after the elections to submit his report? \*\*

Should submit his report before the November elections.....	47	[223]
Should wait until after the November elections to submit his report.....	32	
Should not submit his report at all (VOL).....	7	
Not sure.....	14	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 19c. From what you know, if Special Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr is found to have leaked grand jury information to the press, should he or should he not be removed from office? \*\*

Should be removed from office.....	73	[224]
Should not be removed from office.....	23	
Not sure.....	4	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

20. If Monica Lewinsky refuses to cooperate with Special Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's investigation of President Clinton, do you believe that she should or should not be prosecuted? \*

Should be prosecuted.....	49	[225]
Should not be prosecuted.....	44	
Not sure.....	7	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

21. Do you agree or disagree with the decision to require Secret Service agents to testify before the grand jury investigation of President Clinton? \*\*

Agree.....	45	[226]
Disagree.....	52	
Not sure.....	3	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

22. Do you think that White House lawyers should have to testify about their private conversations with President Clinton, or do you think that these conversations fall under the attorney-client privilege and should remain confidential? \*

Lawyers should testify.....	19	[227]
Conversations should be kept confidential.....	76	
Not sure.....	5	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

23. I'm going to read you a list of some of the principal people involved in the investigation of President Clinton. Please tell me which one you dislike the most. \*\*

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST  
PERCENTAGE

Linda Tripp.....	32	[228]
President Clinton.....	22	
Kenneth Starr.....	21	
Monica Lewinsky.....	13	
All (VOL).....	3	
None (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	4	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

**Moving to some different topics now...**

24. Which one of the following do you think is the most serious foreign policy issue facing the United States today?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

The buildup of chemical and biological weapons in Iraq....	31	<b>[229]</b>
The testing of nuclear weapons in India and Pakistan.....	22	
The Asian financial crisis.....	10	
Human rights and trade issues with China.....	10	
The Middle East peace process.....	7	
Ethnic fighting in Bosnia.....	3	
All of these (VOL).....	14	
None of these (VOL).....	-	
Not sure.....	3	

25. As you may know, President Clinton returned recently from a trip to China. Do you think that the President's trip to China improved U.S-China relations, hurt U.S.-China relations, or did it not make much difference either way? \*

Improved relations.....	33	<b>[230]</b>
Hurt relations.....	2	
Didn't make much difference either way....	57	
Not sure.....	8	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

26. Over the past six months, has your confidence in the accuracy of news media reporting improved, declined, or stayed about the same?

Improved.....	8	<b>[231]</b>
Declined.....	24	
Stayed about the same.....	66	
Not sure.....	2	

27. Do you think that the exceptionally hot weather that much of the country has been experiencing is due to a long-term global warming problem, is the result of El Niño or does this just happen to be an exceptionally hot summer? \*\*

Long-term global warming problem.....	24	<b>[232]</b>
Result of El Niño.....	28	
Just exceptionally hot summer.....	43	
Not sure.....	5	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

28. Compared to ten years ago, would you say that Americans now are more polite to each other or less polite to each other? \*

More polite.....	15	<b>[233]</b>
Less polite.....	75	
No change (VOL).....	7	
Not sure.....	3	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

29. In thinking about crime, are you more concerned or less concerned about your personal safety now than you were a year ago?



	<u>7/98**</u>	<u>12/90</u>	<u>11/81</u>	
More concerned.....	52	59	64	<b>[234]</b>
Less concerned.....	16	9	6	
No change (VOL).....	31	32	29	
Not sure.....	1	-	1	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

30a. In general, do you consider lying about sex as serious or not as serious as lying about any other matter? \*\*

Consider lying about sex as serious.....	54	<b>[235]</b>
Consider lying about sex not as serious.....	39	
Not sure.....	7	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

30b. Do you think that being homosexual is something people choose to be, or do you think that people are born homosexual and it is something they cannot change? \*

Choose to be homosexual.....	38	<b>[236]</b>
Born homosexual.....	41	
Neither/other (VOL).....	1	
Some of both (VOL).....	8	
Not sure.....	12	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

30c. As you may know, President Clinton issued an executive order that prohibits federal agencies from discriminating against homosexuals. Do you favor or oppose President Clinton's effort to prohibit discrimination against homosexuals working in federal agencies? \*

Favor.....	72	<b>[237]</b>
Oppose.....	20	
Not sure.....	8	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

31. Currently the District of Columbia has one elected representative to the House of Representatives, but that person does not have voting rights. There is a proposal to grant the District two elected representatives to the Senate and one to the House all with full voting privileges.

Supporters say that denying District of Columbia residents representation in Congress is unfair, because they pay taxes and do not have a vote on laws that affect them.

Opponents say that the District of Columbia is not a state, and therefore does not have a constitutional right to have voting members in Congress.

From what you know, do you think that the District of Columbia should or should not have elected members of both the House and the Senate that have voting privileges? \*\*

Should have elected members with voting privileges.....	62	[238]
Should not have elected members with voting privileges...	33	
Not sure.....	5	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

- F1. How old are you? **(IF REFUSED, ASK:)** Well, can you tell me which age group you belong to? Are you in the age group 18 to 24, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 39, 40 to 44, 45 to 49, 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, or 65 and over?

18-24.....	10	[239-240]
25-29.....	9	
30-34.....	11	
35-39.....	10	
40-44.....	10	
45-49.....	11	
50-54.....	8	
55-59.....	6	
60-64.....	7	
65 and over.....	17	
Refused.....	1	

- F2. What is the last grade you completed in school?

Grade school.....	1	[245-246]
Some high school.....	6	
High school graduate.....	29	
Some college, no degree.....	20	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	10	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	19	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	3	
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree...	9	
Doctoral/law degree.....	2	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F3. Are you currently employed?

**(IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:)** What type of work do you do?

**(IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:)** Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		<b>[247-254]</b>
Professional/manager.....	24	
White collar worker.....	20	
Blue collar worker.....	19	
Farmer.....	-	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	3	
Homemaker.....	7	
Retired.....	23	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	3	
Never worked/not sure.....	1	

F4a. Are you now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan, including Medicare or Medicaid?

Yes, covered by health insurance or health plan.....	86	<b>CONTINUE</b>	<b>[255]</b>
No, not covered by health insurance or health plan.....	13	<b>Skip To Q.F5</b>	
Not sure.....	1		

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE COVERED BY HEALTH INSURANCE IN Q.F4a.)**

F4b. Is your current primary form of health insurance Medicare or Medicaid?

**(IF NO, ASK:)** Is your health insurance a traditional health insurance plan, where patients can go to almost any doctor or hospital, but often insurance only pays eighty percent of the cost of the visit, OR A managed care plan, such as an HMO or PPO, where patients are directed to a list of doctors and hospitals in the plan, and if they use doctors or hospitals in the plan, the plan pays all or almost all the costs, but if patients use doctors or hospitals OUTSIDE those on the list, the patient pays more of the cost of the visit.

Yes, Medicare/Medicaid.....	18	<b>[256]</b>
No, traditional health insurance plan.....	32	
No, managed care, such as HMO or PPO.....	43	
Combination (VOL).....	4	
Other (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	1	

- F5. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF NOT SURE, CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.") (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat.....	18	[257]
Not very strong Democrat.....	11	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	11	
Strictly independent.....	19	
Independent/lean Republican.....	10	
Not very strong Republican.....	10	
Strong Republican.....	13	
Other.....	5	
Not sure/nothing.....	3	

- F6. In politics today, do you generally consider yourself to be very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, very conservative, or do you think that your views cannot really be described in those terms?

Very liberal.....	7	[258]
Somewhat liberal.....	15	
Moderate.....	33	
Somewhat conservative.....	21	
Very conservative.....	11	
Views cannot be described in those terms.....	11	
Not sure.....	2	

- F7. Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district in which you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

Registered.....	87	[259]
Not registered.....	12	
Not sure.....	1	

- F8. Did you happen to vote in the 1996 presidential election?

(IF YES, ASK:) For whom did you vote--Bill Clinton, the Democrat, Bob Dole, the Republican, or Ross Perot, the Reform Party candidate?

<b>Yes, Voted</b>		
Bill Clinton.....	42	[260]
Bob Dole.....	25	
Ross Perot.....	7	
Other (VOL)/not sure/refused.....	5	
<b>No, Did Not Vote</b> .....	19	
<b>Not Sure If Voted/Refused</b> .....	2	

F9. Are you currently single and never married, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Single.....	21	[261]
Married.....	57	
Separated.....	1	
Widowed.....	8	
Divorced.....	12	
Other (VOL).....	-	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F10. Do you have any children under age 18 currently living in your household?

Yes, kids under 18 in household.....	34	[262]
No, no kids under 18 in household.....	65	
Not sure.....	1	

F11. In what religion were you brought up?

Protestant.....	52	CONTINUE	[263]
Catholic.....	27		
Jewish.....	3		
Other.....	10	Skip To Q.F13	
None.....	6		
Not sure/refused.....	2		

(ASK ONLY OF PROTESTANTS IN Q.F11.)

F12. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical.....	19	[264]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical.....	30	
Not sure.....	3	
Non-Protestants (Q.F11).....	48	

F13. Are you a member of a labor union? (IF "NO," ASK:) Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union?

Labor union member.....	10	[265]
Labor union household.....	5	
Nonunion household.....	83	
Not sure.....	2	

F14. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

(IF NO:) What is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

Hispanic.....	6	[266]
White.....	79	
Black.....	10	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	3	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F15. Finally, if you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$10,000, between \$10,000 and \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$40,000, between \$40,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, between \$75,000 and \$100,000, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	5	<b>[267]</b>
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	8	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	15	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	16	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	11	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	16	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	8	
More than \$100,000.....	8	
Not sure/refused.....	13	